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## SKETCH OF THE LIFE OF WILLIAM J. C. BERRY

ARTHUR S. McDANIEL, *Assistant Librarian of the Association of the Bar of the City of New York*

In the year 1920, the Association of the Bar of the City of New York commemorated its Semi-centenary and the members gathered to review the achievements of the organization during that period. In many fields had it performed notable services and it could well be proud of the contributions made to the maintenance of the standards of the Bench and Bar. Composed entirely of lawyers, the Association has during its career not only devoted itself to such activities as would tend directly to securing better judges, a higher grade of lawyers and statutes more in accordance with the public interest, but has built up a collection of books which now numbers 137,150 volumes, upon which over \$467,000 has been spent and which contains many gifts of real value.

In 1870, as soon as organization was effected, it was recognized that the formation of a library, which would be the pride of the profession, was an important function of the new Association. To achieve this end, a Library Committee was appointed whose members were not only leaders of their profession

but were also well versed in legal literature and were true lovers of books. From the beginning, this Committee and its successors never lost sight of the aim to make the library a practitioner's library. As such it began and such it has remained.

The choice of a librarian whose duty it would be to start from nothing and build up such a collection of books as the aroused spirit of the profession was demanding was felt to be of the utmost importance. Many applications for the position were received, but the shrewd judgment of the Committee led them to the book-store of John S. Voorhies, where they found a young man who had already been gaining for himself an enviable reputation for his remarkable knowledge of legal bibliography.

The subject of this sketch, William James Courtland Berry was born in Jersey City, New Jersey, May 28, 1847. He attended school at Englishtown Academy, where he graduated. In 1870, when he was chosen as the first librarian of the Bar Association, he was head clerk and salesman of the famous old book store conducted by Mr. Voorhies and then located on Nassau Street between Pine and Cedar.

While still engaged as a book clerk he had taken an active interest in helping such men as Charles O'Connor, William Curtis Noyes, Samuel J. Tilden, Aaron J. Vanderpoel and Elbridge T. Gerry build up their private law libraries. The last two named in this group were on the Association's first Library Committee, of which a third member was Professor Theodore W. Dwight, head of the Columbia Law School. Mr. Berry had been of assistance in advising purchases for the Columbia Law School Library.

Thus the Committee knew that this candidate they had selected was well-informed in the field of bibliography; that he had a wide acquaintance amongst the law book sellers and dealers and that he was thoroughly at home at book auctions. Being assured on these points, they gave Mr. Berry all the freedom and authority he desired. This power thus granted to him enabled him to act quickly in many cases and put him in a position to take advantage of book auctions and the options which old friends in the book trade gave him on rare and scarce items which came to their attention.

In addition to these choice finds of which he added a large number to the Association's collection, Mr. Berry set to work systematically to build up a well-rounded collection for the use of the members of the Association. Not only reports and statutes but also treatises and text-books; not only constitutional conventions but also constitutional law; in fact all the departments of legal literature received his attention. The completeness which he attained in some of these fields would be absolutely impossible to duplicate today, even if unlimited resources were available to a librarian.

Mr. C. C. Soule is reported to have said that Mr. Berry possessed a more comprehensive knowledge of the bibliography of the early American session laws than anyone else at that time. That similar completeness of knowledge in several fields was his, is patent from a survey of the eleven hundred and thirty-five page printed catalogue which he prepared and issued in 1892.

That catalogue was unquestionably his *magnum opus*. The Executive Committee of the Association authorized the preparation of a printed catalogue in November 1881 and the Library Committee thereupon directed Mr. Berry to pro-

ceed with the work. From that time until 1889 every spare moment of his time was devoted to this labor which he carried forward practically single-handed. I have heard from his own lips how he spared neither time nor effort to make this book one of which the Association should be proud and which would make the collection of the greatest service to the members. When the catalogue was finally in print in 1892, it was distributed to the members of the Association and copies sent to other libraries. Requests for it were received from law librarians not only in this country but also in Great Britain, including the several Inns of Court, the House of Lords and the House of Commons. Mr. Berry received a large number of congratulatory letters from other librarians evidencing that the care in its preparation was at once recognized and appreciated. Moreover its value as a bibliography of existing legal literature in all branches made it an indispensable guide to smaller libraries for building up their own collections. To me the most significant statement in any of the numerous letters received by Mr. Berry is contained in one from Mr. S. B. Griswold, then Law Librarian at the New York State Library. He says "I think it is the first catalogue which gives the Session laws of the States by sessions." Mr. Griswold placed his finger upon one of Mr. Berry's strongest qualifications as a librarian, namely his thorough knowledge of the smallest details of the bibliography of statute law and his relentless pursuit of completeness in his collections. He could see the whole field to be covered and yet had accurate knowledge of the individual items of which the whole was made up.

Not only was the completeness, adequacy of arrangement and accuracy of the catalogue recognized at once on its appearance, but the verdict of the years is unanimous. Even now, thirty years later, our Library Committee continues to receive urgent requests for copies from libraries far and near.

Retracing our steps to Mr. Berry's early years as a librarian, I must not omit to emphasize the fact that Mr. Berry was not satisfied to rest content with his knowledge of the realm of law books gained in the book mart but took up the study of law and graduated from the Columbia Law School after he received his appointment as librarian, solely for the purpose of increasing the value of his services in his new position. Although he was admitted to the Bar, I have no knowledge that he ever engaged in the practice of the profession.

As I have already stated, the collections marshalled by him were primarily intended for the practicing lawyer, but the needs of the research student were by no means neglected and rich stores of works on the history of legal institutions, political science, Roman Law and international law were gathered together and constantly added to.

When Lord Russell, the Lord Chief Justice of England, was on a visit to this country in 1896, he was shown the nearly 50,000 volumes then upon the shelves. After observing the comprehensiveness of the American material, he was led to complete collections of English, Scotch and Irish reports and statutes and then to the shelves containing the English colonial material. After a careful examination, he is said to have declared that this particular collection could not be paralleled in any library in England. Could there be any better testimony to Mr. Berry's wide knowledge and his assiduity in seeking to fill every possible gap?

Thus far I have dwelt upon Mr. Berry's qualities as a librarian, the evidence for which remains in tangible form. Let us turn to Mr. Berry as a man. I re-

member him as most affable and approachable and know that he was always more than ready to be of service to any who might call upon him.

I have had the privilege of consulting with Mr. William V. Leary, who for many years worked constantly in the library as secretary to Hon. Daniel G. Rollins, at one time Surrogate of New York County. Mr. Leary has many pleasant recollections of Mr. Berry, who for a number of years lived with his family in rooms at the top of the house then used by the Association in 29th Street. Mr. Leary tells me that Mr. Berry was very helpful to members in indicating books, was very clever, accommodating and ready to do acts of kindness. On account of his lovable qualities, he was popular with everyone.

From another old friend of Mr. Berry's, I learn that even before he became a librarian, he had helped to circulate the paper, which as the "Call for organization" formed the nucleus of the Association. His wide acquaintance with the leaders of the bar and with the younger men of the profession as they advanced in years and standing continued and increased. Users of the library made a point of coming to greet him. On the other hand his relations with his employees were marked with no appearance of superiority; he had a happy faculty of handling those under his direction.

When the time came for the Association to move into larger quarters and it came up-town to its present home, Mr. Berry felt that the greater part of his work was done. Starting with nothing, he had built up a library whose completeness and significance I have already touched upon. He thought that the time had come for the Association to avail itself of the services of younger men who had had the advantage of that training in the principles and details of library science and administration, the teaching of which had developed during the years since he had entered the profession.

During the last few years of his life, he acted as librarian of the law library of the Mutual Life Insurance Company.

On the 18th day of April 1912, he attended to his duties as usual. Going home, he sat down to dinner and collapsed. His work was done and it had been well done.

If I have not given you a view of a librarian thoroughly grounded in his special field, who at the same time was invariably and constantly helpful to those who made use of the material which he had gathered and above all was most thoroughly liked by those who came into contact with him, I have failed in my task. Let us not forget those who laid the foundations, whereon we build.

### STEPHEN B. GRISWOLD

JOHN T. FITZPATRICK, *Law Librarian, New York State Library*

Mr. Griswold was born at Vernon, Oneida County, N. Y., July 14, 1835. He received an academic education in his native village, and entered the Albany Law School in 1859, graduating from that institution with the degree of LL.B. in 1860. He was admitted to the bar in May, 1860. He served his clerkship in the offices of Tremain and Peckham of Albany, and practiced law in Albany until June 8, 1868 when he was appointed Law Librarian of the New York State Library. In 1860 he married Miss Angeline E. Cornwell of Albany. He resigned

as Law Librarian and retired to private life Nov. 30, 1904, after a service of thirty-six years, five months and twenty-three days, the longest service given by any employee of the State Library to date. He died May 4, 1912, at Yonkers, N. Y., at the home of his son, Harry E. Griswold, who since 1898, has been Librarian of the Supreme Court Library, first judicial district, New York City.

Until 1862 there was a single librarian in charge of both the general and the law collections of the New York State Library, although both these collections had been maintained from the beginning (1818) as separate units. In 1862 Alfred B. Street, librarian of the entire library took charge of the law library alone, and from that time the law collections have been in charge of a law librarian. Mr. Griswold's appointment in 1868 placed the law library for the first time in the hands of one who not only devoted his entire time to law books, but was possessed of a mind trained in the law. It must be remembered that at that time legal bibliography was fragmentary and law catalogs and check lists few. Notwithstanding this, and the previous dual capacity of the librarians, the law collections in the New York State Library at the time Mr. Griswold took them over, were excellent. In 1832 the librarian stated that "The law part . . . will soon be equal to, if it does not surpass any similar collection in the United States." In 1835, that the law library was nearly complete in American reports and elementary treatises. In 1849, that it contained every American national and state report with one exception (Kentucky Decisions, 1801-05). In 1850, that a full series of the laws of France had been presented by the government of that country in spite of the "turmoils and dangers of the revolution in Paris."

Under Mr. Griswold the collections already acquired were sedulously maintained and many new ones added. Like most of us he favored certain of them, and while he did not allow the others to suffer, he bent his best efforts to the completion of his trials, impeachments, legal periodicals, Indian (Hindoo) law, and printed papers on appeal in New York courts. He had no more than the usually meager appropriations allowed by state legislatures, and his ingenuity was put to it to stretch these to their limits. He took full advantage of exchanges with the federal government and states that had already been established, and extended these to certain foreign countries, these being paid for from moneys for other state departments. He often bought an entire lot to secure a single item that he could not obtain otherwise, disposing of the balance by sale or exchange so that the item desired was obtained oftentimes for a nominal amount.

It was for his collection of trials and impeachments that he was best known. Having purchased all of these that were available, he was constantly on the alert for items yet unobtained, and in the end his untiring efforts resulted in one of the foremost collections of these in the world. A feature of the catalogues of the law library issued by him is the entry of a large number of important trials under the subjects which they illustrate.

His Indian (Hindoo) material, Sir Frederick Pollock, on the occasion of a visit to this country, said was more complete than that of any library in Great Britain.

He early saw the practical value of the miscellaneous law pamphlets that were received from time to time, monographs exhaustively treating subjects written by specialists and laws annotated by persons trained by constant usage of them, that could be found but superficially treated elsewhere. These he bound and thor-

oughly indexed to make them easily available; and he taught his patrons their existence and value.

His collection of cases and briefs of papers on appeal in New York State courts were practically complete, much more so than the collections in the libraries of the courts themselves.

Notable among the law accessions in his time was the purchase in 1881 of the Brinley copy of Bradford's New York Laws of 1694, the first compilation of New York Statutes. The price paid was \$1600, several of the other seven copies known to exist having been sold since for prices ranging from \$3,000 to \$20,000.

In 1868 Mr. Griswold found 19,896 volumes in the Law Library. In 1904 he left behind him 73,708 volumes. In 1884 the Chancellor of the Regents of the University in his annual report stated that "the Law Library is only excelled in the whole country in number of volumes and in intrinsic value by the Law Department of the Congressional Library." In 1896 the Director of the State Library said: "Our library is holding its own as the best general law library in the country," a statement which he repeated in 1897.

Probably few men had a larger acquaintance with the bench and bar of the state, partly through the use of the Law Library, by judges, state officers, legislators and attorneys, but principally because the students of thirty-six years at Albany Law School studied under his supervision and received from him the knowledge of what law books were, what was in them and, most important of all, how to use them. From 1898 to 1907 he conducted a course in "Law books and Their Uses" in that school.

When he retired he was in the enjoyment of perfect health and full use of his faculties. As he himself expressed it he wished to retire "in harness, while yet there was opportunity for the enjoyment of private life." He left to his successors one of the foremost law libraries in the world, replete with collections he had devoted the span of a generation of untiring devotion to complete. He left them a considerable task to even maintain them. In his report for the year 1893 in speaking of a gift of Supreme Court cases and briefs he said: "The wisdom of the gift is shown . . . even more by the fact that a few months after they were safely stored in the fire-proof State Library, the building in which they had been kept for years was burned. There are many thousand volumes in the state exposed to destruction, which would be much more useful to their present owners as well as to the state if transferred to this safest of fireproof buildings. . . ." A belief shared by all. But in a few hours, on March 29, 1911, the monument that he had devoted a lifetime to erect was destroyed by fire although deposited in "this safest of fireproof buildings," and remains now only in the memory of his former confreres. He was unfortunate enough to have survived to know of its destruction. Others have taken up the task and a new Law Library has taken its place, one of the great institutions of its kind; some of the collections have not been restored, some never can be, others are more complete than ever. But his successors pay tribute to his memory, to his devotion, to his inspiration and to the heritage of legal bibliography that he has left them.

**ARBA N. CRANE**

GAMBLE JORDAN, *Librarian, Law Library Association of St. Louis*

The first impulse of one called upon to do honor to the memory of another, between whom and one's self has existed the close ties of friendship, such as between Mr. Crane and myself, is to employ superlatives of praise and fulsome expressions of admiration; but the futility of such in this case constrains me rather to a recitation of the main facts connected with the life of Mr. Crane, trusting that such may and believing they will, convey a better impression of the character, worth and achievements of the man than any attempted eulogy of mine.

Arba Nelson Crane was born January 11, 1834 in the Village of Wolcott, in Lamoille County, Vermont; his ancestry on both sides were Puritans of the Yeoman Class and came to this country from England; those on his father's side first settling in Connecticut in 1658, and on his mother's side in Massachusetts in 1635.

Several of his ancestors served in the Colonial Wars with the French and Indians, and on the patriot side in the American Revolution.

In time, in the words of Mr. Crane himself, the generations of his family gradually forsook the plow for the professions, many of them attaining eminence therein but, in the opinion of those who knew him best, it is quite probable that none actually accomplished more than the subject of this sketch.

Mr. Crane received his early education in private schools and academies, in and near his home town, and first began the study of law in 1852 at Montpelier with Judge T. P. Redfield and so continued until 1855 when he went to the Albany Law School for one term and that same year was admitted to the Bar at Albany. Later in 1855 he went to Harvard Law School where he remained one year and while there made abstracts of Railway Cases for Judge Isaac T. Redfield, who was then preparing the first edition of his treatise on the Law of Railways. In October 1856 he removed to St. Louis and in the same year was admitted to the Bar at that place and, for several years thereafter was associated with the late R. M. Field the father of Eugene Field, both of which Fields he cultivated with much profit, according to his own accounts.

He became a member of the St. Louis Law Library December 6, 1863, was elected a director of that Association in 1868, and president in 1881. Mr. Crane was one of those peculiarly dominant characters whose sincerity, integrity, zeal and ability, inspires such confidence and trust in others, as to enable them to assume and be permitted without interference, the management of affairs, and thus it was that within a short time of his election as a member of the Board of Directors of the St. Louis Law Library he began taking over its reins of management which he thereafter held first, as Director and later as President, in uninterrupted succession, and with the unanimous approval of both members and fellow officers until the day of his death, which occurred December 5, 1904, only a few hours before the 66th Annual Meeting of the Association was to have convened, and at the very close of the 36th year of his official connection with the Association.

As evidence of Mr. Crane's work for the Association, facts and figures speak the best. The Law Library Association of St. Louis was organized in 1838, but 30 years thereafter or in 1868 when Mr. Crane was first elected as a director and

began assuming control, the books totaled only 6,334, whereas at the end of the next 36 years, or at the time of his death in 1904, the number had grown to 27,718, more than a fourfold increase and that increase consisting largely of the more valuable collections such as Session Laws and Revisions of the States and Territories, and of English Colonial, and other foreign Case and Statute Law.

The wisdom, discrimination and purchasing sagacity displayed by Mr. Crane in making his acquisitions for the Library, was on more than one occasion remarked to the writer, by such eminent dealers as Messrs. Soule, Carswell, and T. L. Cole, the latter having repeatedly asserted that to his knowledge the sets of American Statute Law bought by Mr. Crane, and considered rare ones, were purchased at a less cost than any other with which he was acquainted.

One other outstanding feature of Mr. Crane's work for his Library calls for mention and it is the one connecting him most directly with the affairs of the American Association of Law Libraries. In 1881 and again in 1895 he prepared and published a catalogue of the books of the St. Louis Library, both of which, and particularly the latter being accounted, at the time of their issue, the most complete extant in the way of a printed and bound law catalogue, and it is quite well authenticated that from the inclusion by Mr. Crane in his first catalogue of references to articles in periodicals, was gathered the suggestion by Mr. Soule and Mr. Jones for the publication of Jones' Index, which latter is now so acceptably supplemented by our Association's Index.

From these facts can be gleaned the high points in the career of Mr. Crane and more particularly as regards its impress upon the affairs of the Law Library in St. Louis.

A fitting summary of his life and work in general and evidence of the esteem in which he was held by the members of the Library he so ably and unselfishly served is found in a resolution adopted at the Annual meeting of that Association shortly after his death, to the effect that: "The Law Library Association of St. Louis has lost a faithful, intelligent and able executive officer, the St. Louis Bar a conscientious, experienced and eminent lawyer, and the community an upright, highly respected and honored citizen."

### **CONCLUSION OF THE REPRINT OF MASSACHUSETTS BAY COLONIAL LAWS**

DR. G. E. WIRE, *Deputy Librarian, Worcester County Law Library,  
Worcester, Mass.*

Years ago the records of both the Massachusetts and Plymouth Bay Colonies were reprinted in stately small folio volumes, ably edited and admirably indexed. Berry's wide knowledge and his assiduity in seeking to fill every possible gap?

In 1869 was begun this series: THE/ ACTS AND RESOLVES,/ PUBLIC AND PRIVATE,/ OF THE/ PROVINCE OF THE MASSACHUSETTS BAY:/ TO WHICH ARE PREFIXED/ THE CHARTERS OF THE PROVINCE,/ WITH/ HISTORICAL AND EXPLANATORY NOTES, AND AN APPENDIX./ Published under Chapter 87 of the Resolves of the General Court/ of the Commonwealth for the Year 1867./ VOLUME 1./ BOSTON:/ WRIGHT & POTTER, PRINTERS TO THE STATE,/ 79 Milk Street, (Corner of Federal.)/ 1869.

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The first five volumes contained the ACTS and were ably edited, and thoroughly indexed under the care of Mr. A. C. Goodell. There was also a small supplementary volume published, whether officially or not I can not be sure, as it was before I came to Worcester. The period covered was to be 1692-1780. After 1780, having adopted the Constitution, this became a Sovereign State of the Union. Officially it is a Commonwealth, only one of three, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania and Virginia, all members of the thirteen original states. Its Legislature assembles under the gilded codfish and is called the Great and General Court, for at one time and for several years it *did* sit as a court.

This series has meandered on from year to year, well edited, admirably indexed and finely bound and printed, and finally volume 21 came out. The title page starts out like volume 1 through date "1867" and then reads VOLUME XXI./ BEING VOLUME XVI. OF THE APPENDIX./ CONTAINING/ RESOLVES, ETC., 1779-1780./ AND/ Town Chapters, 1692-1714, relating to the establishment of Towns./ Precincts and Parishes, determining Territorial Boundaries/ and granting Lands, given by Titles only in/ Volumes VII., VIII., IX.; originally planned/ to be printed in a Separate Volume./ BOSTON:/ WRIGHT & POTTER PRINTING CO. STATE PRINTERS,/ 32 Derne Street./ 1922.

It will be noted that Wright & Potter have been "printers to the state" for all these years and more.

Why all this note? We could find nowhere in the volume, expressed or implied, anything which definitely said this was the last volume of this long-lived series, fifty-three years in all. So we wrote the Honorable the Secretary of the Commonwealth and received in reply this letter, the original of which is carefully tipped in opposite the title page of our copy of volume 21. This obviates any further search on the part of anyone, and is noted on the official card.

"THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY  
BOSTON, JUNE 19, 1922

G. E. Wire, Esq., Deputy Librarian, Worcester County Law Library,  
Worcester, Mass.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your inquiry of the 17th instant, you are informed that volume 21 will be the last volume of the series of Province Laws.

Very truly yours,  
F. W. COOK, *Secretary.*"

**EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE  
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The full proceedings, together with papers and addresses, of the Hot Springs meeting will appear in the July issue of the Law Library Journal.

### LAW LIBRARY NOTES

Librarian F. O. Poole, of the Association of the Bar of the City of New York, has placed in a conspicuous place near his Card Catalogue, the following notice: "SUBJECT INDEX. In addition, consult the INDEX TO LEGAL PERIODICALS." As a result, The Index is regularly used by the patrons of that library. Librarian E. A. Feazel, for some years past has had the Index clipped and mounted on cards and the cards inserted under the appropriate heads in the Subject Card Catalog of the Cleveland Bar Association Library. The University of Michigan Law Library has clipped and mounted on cards, the items in all the Annual issues of the Index and the cards arranged in one alphabetical order. It thus possesses a complete Cumulative Index to all periodical literature from 1908 to date arranged by Subject, Author and for the past six years a Table of all Cases commented upon in the various periodicals.

New periodicals indexed either in the April issue of The INDEX or soon to be found there are the following:

American Maritime Cases, Canadian Bar Review, Mississippi Law Review, Texas Law Review, New York Law Review, Tennessee Law Journal.

Law Librarian John T. Fitzpatrick wishes to call the attention of librarians to the fact that the New York State Library has a large number of duplicate volumes of the New York Session Laws from 1840 to date, which it will sell in sets or by odd volumes at nominal prices. Address The Director of the New York State Library, Albany, New York.

The Standard Legal Directory, Vol. 4, 1923, contains a selected list of prominent realty, insurance, title, mortgage, patent, admiralty, corporation and probate lawyers and lawyers engaged in the general practice of the law. Also Foreign Correspondents, Consular Agents, Standard Bank Directory and a LIST OF LAW LIBRARIES IN THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA compiled in 1922 by a special committee of the American Association of Law Libraries. The latter list is published through the courtesy of the Standard Legal Directory Company and includes law libraries of more than one thousand volumes and such state and university libraries as have law collections. The publishers are The Standard Legal Directory Company, 261 Broadway, New York City.

To A. J. Small, Law Librarian, Iowa State Library, must be extended cordial appreciation and congratulation from all law librarians for his long and painstaking work which has resulted in the BIBLIOGRAPHICAL AND HISTORICAL CHECKLIST OF BAR AND ALLIED ASSOCIATIONS recently (1923) issued under the auspices of the American Association of Law Libraries. The lists and annotations are indispensable to those who are seeking to complete files of Bar Association Proceedings.

# AMERICAN STATE REPORTS AND SESSION LAWS EXCLUSIVE OF SIDE REPORTS

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Publication	Dates of regular sessions	Source	Latest vol. to appear
<b>Alabama</b>			
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